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In re application of: Stephen H. Elliott, et al. Confirmation No. 2195

Serial No.: 10/081,918 Group Art Unit: 2838

Filed: February 20, 2002 Examiner: not yet assigned

For: PEER-TO-PEER CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING SYSTEM

June 25, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

On page 4, delete the last paragraph and insert the following new last paragraph:

Figures 2A and 2B is an illustration of the device of Fig. 1 installed in an aircraft cabin; and

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On page 8, delete the second full paragraph and insert the following new second paragraph:

Figures 2A and 2B is an illustration of the device of Fig. 1 installed in an aircraft cabin utilizing a number of "SkyCharger" systems. SkyCharger System Gateway" 201 provides an external interface mechanism into the SkyCharger Network". The "Gateway" 201 links to at least one Flight Attendant Control Panel (FACP) 202 via a bi-directional communications cable 203. The FACP 202 provides a mechanism for the cabin crew to enable and disable various system functions when units malfunction, or to disable a particular seat due to an unruly child or other passenger.

Page 11, delete the first full paragraph and insert the following new first paragraph:

Figures 3A and 3B is a schematic block diagram of electronic subsystems in an individual "SkyCharger Node" in accordance with the invention. here, the various hardware elements in a typical "SkyCharger Node" are shown. It is to be understood that some versions of the "SkyCharger Node" are more complex, and others simpler. However, all "SkyCharger Nodes" posses a control microprocessor, a communications connection to the "SkyCharger Network", and auxiliary devices, such as power supplies, sensors, etc.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment has been made to correct the specification such that is consistent with the formal drawings.. No new matter has been added. Entry of the above Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of this application.

If there are any question regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARK-UP FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF JUNE 25, 2002 **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, delete the last paragraph and insert the following new last paragraph:

Figures 2A and 2B is [Figure 2 is] an illustration of the device of Fig. 1 installed in an aircraft cabin;

and

On page 8, delete the second full paragraph and insert the following new second paragraph:

[Figure 2] Figures 2A and 2B is an illustration of the device of Fig. 1 installed in an aircraft cabin utilizing a number of "SkyCharger" systems. SkyCharger System Gateway"

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201 provides an external interface mechanism into the SkyCharger Network". The "Gateway" 201 links to at least one Flight Attendant Control Panel (FACP) 202 via a bidirectional communications cable 203. The FACP 202 provides a mechanism for the cabin crew to enable and disable various system functions when units malfunction, or to disable a particular seat due to an unruly child or other passenger.

Page 11, delete the first full paragraph and insert the following new first paragraph:

[Figure 3] Figures 3A and 3B is a schematic block diagram of electronic subsystems in an individual "SkyCharger Node" in accordance with the invention. here, the various hardware elements in a typical "SkyCharger Node" are shown. It is to be understood that some versions of the "SkyCharger Node" are more complex, and others simpler. However, all "SkyCharger Nodes" posses a control microprocessor, a communications connection to the "SkyCharger Network", and auxiliary devices, such as power supplies, sensors, etc.

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PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

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Sir:

Attached please find 5 sheets of drawings, Figs. 1-3B.

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